GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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COMMITTEE TO MONITOR SALE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a high powered committee to monitor the wholesale and retail prices of 12 essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of members on this committee together with the number of representatives of the farmers among them; and

(d) the objectives and main features of the final report presented by the committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A High Powered Price Monitoring Board (HPPMB) is functioning under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary which meets every month, to monitor the prices and availability of 12 essential commodities.

(c) & (d): The 16 member Board consists of Secretaries of economic Ministries/Departments, Chairman, Railway Board and Director General, Indian Metrological Department. The Board reviews the price and availability situation of 12 essential commodities every month based on the Agenda Notes from the concerned Departments. The Board recommends policy measures and action points to be initiated by concerned Ministries/Departments for any increase in prices/shortages relating to any essential commodity all over the country.